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SUBJ: SOVIET DELEGATION CONCLUDES VISIT TO IRAQ

1. SUMMARY. OUR READING OF SOVIET-IRAQI COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING PONOMAREV DELEGATION'S VISIT TO BAGHDAD SUGGESTS THAT SOVIET AND IRAQIS DID NOT COME CLOSER TOGETHER ON STRATEGY FOR ME PEACE SETTLEMENT OR ON APPROACH TO PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT. ON BILATERAL AFFAIRS SOVIETS PLUGGED FOR IRAQI UNITY AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CPSU-BAATH COOPERATION. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE DELEGATION MAY HAVE RETURNED TO MOSCOW VIA BEIRUT. END SUMMARY.

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2. VISIT BY PONOMAREV DELEGATION TO BAGHDAD

RECEIVED STRIKINGLY PROMINENT COVERAGE IN SOVIET PRESS AND ON TV. ACCORDING COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED PRAVDA DECEMBER 3, PONOMAREV MET WITH AL BAKR AND SADDAM HUSSEIN IN TALKS CHARACTERIZED BY SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP, FRANKNESS, AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. FOLLOWING ARE POINTS OF INTEREST IN COMMUNIQUE:

- A. IRAQI SIDE EXPRESSED DEEP THANKS FOR SOVIET AID TO ARABS AND FOR SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE TO ATTAIN "LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS." IRAQIS ALSO PRAISED SOVIET POLICIES OF RELAXATION OF TENSIONS, STRUGGLES AGAINST IMPERIALISTS, AND SUPPORT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
- B. BOTH PARTIES CONDEMNED ISRAELI AGGRESSION, DECLARED THAT PEACE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT LIBERATION OF ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND WITHOUT ASSURING "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS" OF PALESTINAIANS. PARTIES NOTED THAT "PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IS A COMPONENT PART OF THE ARAB NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT."
- C. INTER-PARTY TIES WERE STRESSED AND SIGNATURE NOTED OF AGREEMENT ON CPSU-BAATH COOPERATION FOR 1974.

3. PRESS REPORTS THAT PONOMAREV MET WITH IRAQI CP LEADER MOHAMMED AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF KURDISH DEMOCRATIC PARTY (KDP). PRAVDA DECEMBER 1 SAYS PONOMAREV BRIEFED IRAQI CP LEADERS AND RECEIVED INFORMATION ON CP EFFORTS TO FURTHER COOPERATION WITH BAATH LEADERSHIP IN NATIONAL COALITION. CP LEADERS ALSO REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH SOVIET AID TO ARABS AND WITH SOVIET SUPPORT OF STRUGGLE FOR "JUST AND DURABLE PEACE" IN ME. IZVESTIYA VERSION DECEMBER 1 SAYS PONOMAREV IN MEETING WITH KDP EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS OF IRAQI DEMOCRATIC FORCES TO ACHIEVE SOLIDARITY AND UNITY.

4. SOVIET PRESS REPORTS REGARDING DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE AND RETURN TO MOSCOW ARE CONTRADICTORY. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS DECEMBER 1 DELEGATION DEPARTED BAGHDAD NOVEMBER 30 FOR BEIRUT. PRAVDA DECEMBER 3, HOWEVER, REPORTS DELEGATION'S ARRIVAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN MOSCOW DECEMBER 2 FROM BAGHDAD. PRESS REPORTS, IN ANY EVENT, GIVE NO ACCOUNT OF ANY TALKS DELEGATION MAY HAVE HAD IN BEIRUT.

6. COMMENT: BOTH TONE AND SUBSTANCE OF SOVIET-IRAQI COMMUNIQUE SUGGEST THAT PARTIES FOUND NO SIGNIFICANT COMMON POSITION REGARDING STRATEGY ON ME SETTLEMENT. WITH EXCEPTION OF REITERATION OF ALGIERS SUMMIT

LANGUGAGE ON PREREQUISITES FOR A SETTLEMENT, COMMUNIQUE
LACKS ALL RECENTLY CURRENT EXPRESSION OF SOVIET
OPTIMISM OVER ME SITUATION AND POSSIBLIES FOR
SETTLEMENT AND AVOIDS ENTIRELY ANY MENTION OF ME
PEACE CONFERNCE. SOVIETS MANAGED TO AVOID DIRECTLY
UNDERWRITING "NATIONAL" RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS.
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